FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * stollings anthony m

(First) (Middle)

300 HIGH STREET

(Street)

(State)

HAMILTON, OH 45011

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 04/30/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

SVP/CAO/Controller 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

below)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

Code (Instr. 8)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

(D) or (Instr. 4)

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6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Restricted

(9-02)

Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

Common 04/30/2007 Α 1,200 A \$0 2,200 Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
2006 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.61					12/20/2007	12/20/2016	Common Stock	5,000
2007 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 14.9	04/30/2007		A	6,711	04/30/2008	04/30/2017	Common Stock	6,711
2007 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 14.9	04/30/2007		A	289	04/30/2008	04/30/2017	Common Stock	289

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

stollings anthony m 300 HIGH STREET HAMILTON, OH 45011

SVP/CAO/Controller

Signatures

terri j ziepfel 05/02/2007

**Signature of Person

**Bate

Date

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